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SUBJ: MOROCCANS REINFORCE ZOUERATE

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1. SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS JULY 20 BANNER-HEADLINED MOROCCAN REINFORCEMENT OF MAURITANIAN GARRISON AT ZOUERATE, AS PART OF APPLICATION OF MUTUAL DEFENSE AGREEMENT OF MAY 13. ABOUT 600 MOROCCAN TROOPS REPORTEDLY TRANSPORTED THERE ABOARD THREE C-130'S JULY 18 AND 19, IN LIGHT OF CONTINUING ATTACKS AGAINST THE IRON-MINING CENTER LAUNCHED FROM ALGERIAN TERRITORY.
2. COMMANDER OF MAURITANIAN NORTHERN REGION, COL. AHMED OULD BOUCIEF, QUOTED AS SAYING AT ZOUERATE THAT MOROCCAN TROOPS HAD BEEN PLACED UNDER LOCAL MAURITANIAN COMMAND, BUT THAT NO SPECIAL TASK HAD BEEN ASSIGNED THEM. HE ALSO STRESSED THAT MOROCCAN INTERVENTION WAS NOT A RESULT OF JULY 16 ATTACK, BUT WITHIN MORE GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF MAY 13 AGREEMENT. ARTICLE ALSO REPORTED 37 POLISARIO DEAD FOLLOWING JULY 16 ATTACK.

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3. COMMENT: MOROCCAN MOVE FOLLOWS TWO OBVIOUSLY URGENT MEETINGS BETWEEN KING HASSAN AND MAURITANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER OULD MOUKNASS ON JULY 16 AND 17. GOM IS CLEARLY AT PAINS TO MAKE KNOWN ITS FIRM INTENTION TO DO THE NECESSARY TO SUPPORT MAURITANIA IN WAKE OF UPSURGE OF POLISARIO ATTACKS. AT SAME TIME, MOROCCAN PRESS TREATMENT REFLECTS CONTINUING SENSITIVITY

OVER NEED TO RESPECT MAURITANIAN SOVEREIGNTY IN THE AREA.
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